

## SURVEY SHOWS HOW PASTORS CALLED

NASHVILLE (BP) — Would your church call a pastor without knowing his conversion experience, whether he paid his debts or if he could control his temper?

Apparently about half the Southern Baptist Churches do!

More than four of 10 churches secure a pastor without finding out what people of other churches he served think of him.

## World Missions Emphasis Begins With "M" Night

NASHVILLE — "Be Ye Witnesses" is the theme of Southern Baptists' "M" Mobilization night meetings this year, scheduled in most associations for Dec. 3, ushering in a year emphasizing world missions.

An attendance goal of 600,000 represents a substantial increase over last year's record attendance of 553,761. There were 22,340 churches represented in a total of 1,114 associational "M" Night meetings in 1961.

Program suggestions for this year are given in the final "Baptist Training Union Associational Bulletin," available from the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. R. Maines Rawls is Director of associational work in the department.

These facts were revealed in a survey of 1,191 Southern Baptist Convention churches to find out how they secure pastors. The survey was made by Leonard E. Hill while gathering information for his Doctor of Theology thesis at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Hill is production editor of the Baptist Program, monthly Baptist leadership magazine issued by the SBC Executive Committee here.

In making the survey, Hill sent a lengthy questionnaire to the pastor and to a leading layman in each church. Sixty-two per cent of the churches responded. Both the pastor and layman in 46 per cent of the churches returned questionnaires.

Your church has probably secured a pastor within the last three years, the survey revealed. The survey also showed most Southern Baptist Churches use pulpit committees. Most have five or less members. They begin looking for a new pastor within two weeks after the former one resigns.

### Takes Ten Weeks

They take about 10 weeks to find a new pastor. More than three-fourths of the churches do not know about the man they call until someone recommends him to them.

Of the laymen answering 95 per cent believed a pastor should be divinely called to serve. Sixty-four per cent say one man (Continued on Page Two)



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING of the proposed new plant of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village. The entrance, in lower part of picture, is from Flag Chapel Road, which runs north-south. In lower center is administration building. In center is chapel. Between the two, to the right, is supply house and to the left

is Arts Building. At top is Superintendent's home and Infirmary. At left end is garage, shops, staff and college students' apartments and Assistant Superintendent's residence. At right end is recreation area, including pool, gymnasium and tennis courts. Just inside circular perimeter are the 13 cottages.

## Board Approves Village Relocation

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in its regular annual business meeting on Tuesday morning of this week, gave full approval for the relocation of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village.

This approval of the Board now carries the proposal to the Mississippi Baptist Convention when it meets Nov. 13-15, it was announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, the Board's Executive

Secretary Treasurer.

The far-reaching proposal, presented to the Board by the trustees of the Children's Village, calls for the disposition of the present property and the

purchase of a 145-acre tract of land at the intersection of West Northside Drive and Flag Chapel

Road in northwest Jackson, on which would be constructed

a modern, adequate child care

Thorough Study Made  
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## Record Budget Adopted

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in the opening session of its regular meeting this week, adopted a record Budget for 1962-63.

This new budget is \$186,000 higher than the current outlay of \$2,600,000, it was announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, the Board's Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

The new budget proposal will be presented to the State Convention in November for final approval.

Three Categories

The new budget is, as in past years, divided into three categories, as follows: Southern Baptist Convention causes, State causes, and Capital Needs.

The budget came to the Convention Board as a recommendation from the Board's Audit, Budget and Allocations Committee which spent hours in studying the needs of all the causes involved and after conducting hearings in which representatives from all agencies

appeared.

Members of the Committee are Rev. D. C. Applegate, Starkville, chairman; Rev. Carey Cox, Brandot; Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs; Lacey Hodges, Yazoo City, and Rev. Chester Molpus, Belzoni.

Ex officio members are Dr. Quarles and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Convention president.

Cox Presided

Presiding over the meeting was Mr. Cox, Board president. The budget was also approved by the Board's nine-man Executive Committee.

The new budget allocates \$319,500 for Southern Baptist Convention causes, an increase of \$61,500 over the \$258,000 for Southern Baptist Convention causes, an increase of \$61,500 over the \$258,000 provided this year.

State causes will receive \$1,531,900 compared to the \$1,400,400 allocated this year.

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## A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The whole world now stands in a crisis hour, with forces of evil threatening to destroy the freedom of mankind, Christianity, and even civilization itself, and

WHEREAS, The spiritual needs of the world are the most momentous of history, and there is at this very moment a crucial need for a mighty advance in missions and evangelism, and the proclamation of the Word of God, and

WHEREAS, The records reveal that many churches, even in Mississippi, have not fully accepted their responsibility for a worthy share in the support of World Missions through the Cooperative Program, and

WHEREAS, There is possibility that some churches are not giving full support to the Cooperative Program because of a fear that some institutions and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, and possibly, the state convention, may be drifting from the fundamental principles long held by Baptists, therefore be it

### BOARD MAKES DECLARATION

Resolved, That we, the members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, meeting in regular session on this the 24th day of September, 1962, do make the following declaration to Mississippi Baptists and the world:

1. We reaffirm our belief in the Holy Bible as the divinely inspired Word of God; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter; and that it is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice in Baptist churches and in the denominational program.

2. We, moreover, affirm our belief in those basic principles of doctrine long held by Baptists, and expressed at various times in Statements of Faith adopted by Baptist groups.

### MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ASSURED

3. We further affirm that the work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, which has been entrusted to this Board, is being conducted on the basis of the above named principles, and we assure all Mississippi Baptists that we dedicate ourselves to the task of seeing that this work continues to be conducted on the basis of, and by people who hold to these principles.

4. We further state that it is our conviction that other agencies and institutions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and of the Southern Baptist Convention are endeavoring to administer their affairs on the basis of the above named principles, and merit the confidence and support of the Baptist people of our state. We would, however, remind the trustees and administrators of these agencies, both state and convention-wide, even as we

remind ourselves, that we must constantly be alert to any effort to move Baptists from the basic position held so long. We are under mandate from our conventions, from the churches and from God himself, to be vigilant concerning the denominational program, that it ever remain true to the Word of God, and to the principles

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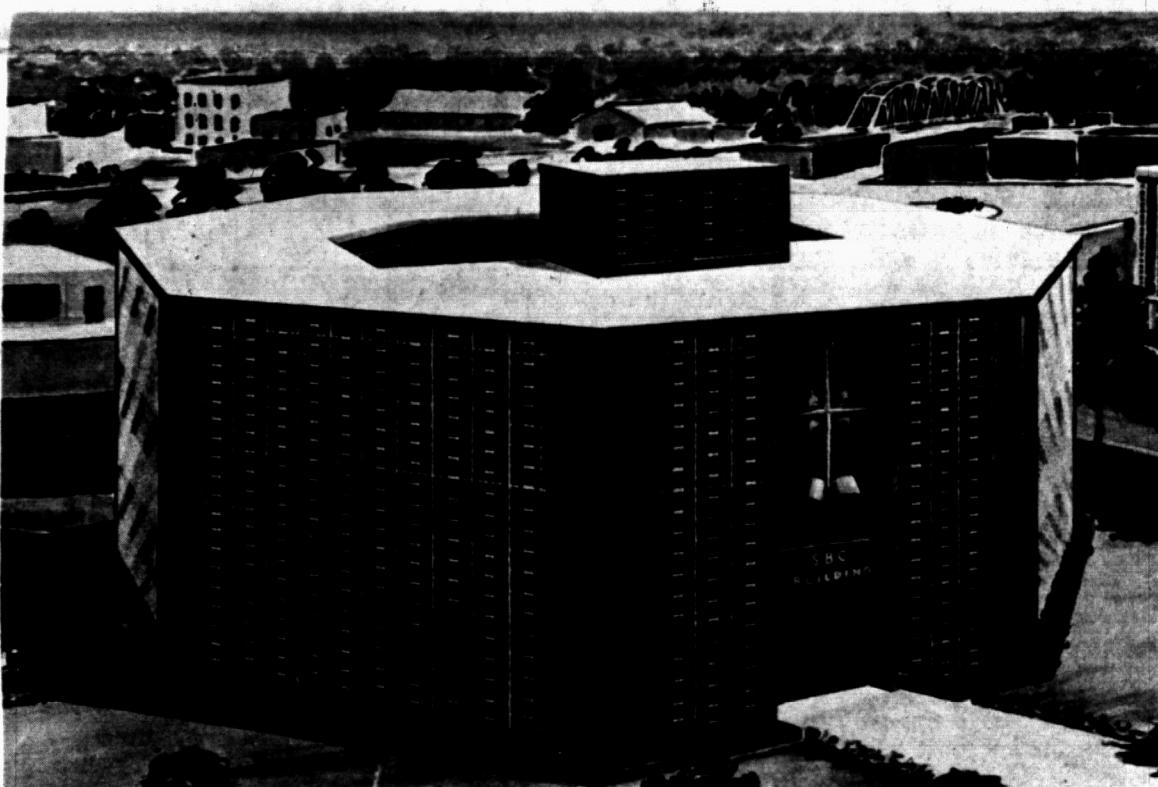
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ARCHITECT'S DRAWING of the new Southern Baptist Convention Building, the cornerstone of which was laid in appropriate ceremonies during meeting of SBC Executive Committee last week in Nashville, Tenn. (BP Photo)

## SBC Executive Committee Urges Delay College Bill

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee notified individual senators and congressmen it feared a "definite violation" of church-state separation was involved in a house-senate compromise bill on aid to higher education.

The bill was being considered at the time the Executive Committee took its stand.

The text of the Executive Committee message:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, representing ad-interim a convention of ten million members in all fifty states, in regular session at Nashville, Tennessee, September 19, 1962, has received reports regarding the plans of the Congressional Joint Conference Committee for aid to higher education.

In the opinion of the Executive Committee this proposed legislation merits more careful consideration because:

Points to "Erosion"

(1) The proposed public grants to sectarian as well as to public colleges is a further erosion of an important public

policy and basic Constitutional provision in American life. The fact that these are specific purpose grants does not relieve this evaluation.

(2) The loan of public funds to private institutions with au-

thority to give away 20 per cent of those funds as scholarships represents an inappropriate transfer of administrative functions to private or church agencies.

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## BAPTISTS BLAMED FOR BILL'S DEFEAT

WASHINGTON (BP) — Southern Baptists, along with two major national education organizations, were heavily censured by the Washington Post, prominent daily newspaper here, for their part in the defeat of the higher education bill in the House of Representatives.

The paper said in its lead editorial Sept. 23 "If it is fair to charge Catholics in Congress with having prevented federal aid to elementary schools and high schools in the United States, it is no less fair

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to charge Protestants, the Southern Baptist Convention in particular, with having blocked federal aid to colleges."

The compromise higher education bill would have provided grants for libraries, science buildings and engineering facilities to both public, private and sectarian colleges. It provided for a student loan program that would have made 20 percent of the funds available to needy students as "non-reimbursable loans." It also authorized aid to develop pub-

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## Program Accredited

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — (BP) — The undergraduate program of teacher education at Ouachita Baptist College, has been accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

However, the churches are scattered among nine associations in Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, and Maryland.

The Home Mission Board in 1958 took Ohio-Born Snedden out of a pastorate in his native state to lead in the starting of churches and missions in West Virginia.

He found 35 churches with a few missions and immediately encouraged the organization of a pastor's conference to give the churches a sense of unity. Many of them had not known the others existed. Since 1959 this conference has been the only statewide organization for Southern Baptists.

The state, beset with out-migration, unemployment, and travel difficulties of a heavy mountainous area, has a population of 1,860,000 which more than two-thirds are unchurched.

Train-Auto Collision Kills Pastor And Wife

KENTWOOD, La. — V. Ward Barr, 49, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., for the past 18 years, and his wife were killed at Kentwood when a freight train rammed their car at a downtown crossing.

Mrs. Barr and two of her relatives were killed instantly. Dr. Barr died two days later in a New Orleans clinic.

He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College and a former member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Two sons survive. Dr. and Mrs. Barr had just taken them to Tulane University in New Orleans where they had enrolled.

Police in Kentwood said that Barr apparently did not hear the crossing signals. Friends theorized that the windows of their car were rolled up.

Survivors include two sisters:

Mrs. J. C. Carter, Blue Mountain, and Mrs. D. D. Pitts,

Grandview, Texas; one brother, James Broadus Caldwell, Cherry Creek; and several nieces and nephews.

Miss Caldwell, who was 85 August 19, had been in good health until about two months ago when an attack of flu developed into pneumonia.

Funeral services were to be held at Cherry Creek Church, time unannounced at press time.

After retirement she remained active in church work, meeting speaking engagements in many parts of the country and state.

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Miss Caldwell was a missionary in China for over 40 years, her last years of service spent at Pingtu. She was a prisoner of the Japanese for two years during World War II, and came home on the last prisoner exchange ship.

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## A Resolution...

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which have made us Baptists.

### AUTONOMY RECOGNIZED

5. We fully recognize the autonomy of every Baptist church and the right of each church to administer its affairs under the headship of Christ. We also recognize the right of each church to determine whether and how it shall support the denominational program. At the same time respectfully would we remind all of our churches that all Baptists are under a divine missionary commission, given by the Lord Jesus Christ, and that we can, through voluntary cooperation, best carry out this commission, and proclaim the message of redemption to the ends of the earth.

6. Finally, we would remind each church of the urgency of the hour, and the imperative need for rededication to the tasks the Lord has assigned to us, and for launching out now, together, in the greatest missionary advance in the history of Mississippi Baptists or the Southern Baptist Convention.

## SBC Executive...

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We fear that this legislation involves a definite violation of the principle of the separation of church and state. We request, therefore, that action on this bill be delayed until the church-state problems are eliminated.

## Baptist May Exhibit At Fair

NASHVILLE (BP)—Baptists may have an exhibit at the New York World's Fair going on in 1964-65.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention voted here to allocate \$32,750 from convention operating reserves for it. Other Baptist bodies in North America would be expected to combine financial resources and provide another \$32,750.

SBC participation was made dependent on the favorable decision of other groups taking part in the Baptist Jubilee Ad-

wayne DeHoney of Jackson, Tenn., chairman of the Public Relations Subcommittee, said from 70 to 100 million persons are expected to attend the fair. It opens April 22, 1964 and closes in the Fall of 1965.

"Exhibit space is available in the Protestant Center on a corner location on the Avenue of the Americas . . . one of the principal thoroughfares (in the fair)," he added in presenting the report.

"An art exhibit depicting Baptist milestones, especially with reference to religious liberty has been discussed" although nothing has been chosen yet for the exhibit space, the Subcommittee said.

Printed material telling about Baptists would be given out to fair visitors, it was pointed out. Also, student summer missionaries under the direction of the SBC Home Mission Board would possibly help staff the exhibit during the two summer seasons.

Many Baptists who come to Atlantic City, N. J., for the climaxing service of the Baptist Jubilee Advance in May, 1964, would attend the fair in New York, a comparatively short distance away. Baptists of seven groupings would take part in the Atlantic City meeting.

## 70% Sum Set On 1963 Capital Needs

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptist Convention agencies have been requested by the Executive Committee not to anticipate more than 70 per cent of their 1963 capital needs budget. They will need to wait and see how Cooperative Program funds come in next year, a finance officer said.

John H. Williams of Nashville, Financial Planning Secretary for the Executive Committee, said this is the forecast for 1963 Convention support: The agencies will receive (1) all their operating funds, (2) the portion of 1961 capital needs which could not be paid last year and (3) about 80 per cent of their 1962 capital needs budgets.

The estimated 20 per cent, or whatever actually remains unpaid, of the capital needs budget for 1962 will be taken care of in 1963 before new budgeted items are supported. However, operating expenses are always met—as a Convention policy—before meeting the full amount on capital needs budgets.

The capital needs budget total, for 1961 for SBC agencies was \$4,375,000. For 1962, it is \$5,075,000, and for 1963, the convention approved \$5,575,000—all from Cooperative Program receipts.

## Commission Given \$50,000 For Needs

NASHVILLE (BP)—The sum of \$50,000 has been turned over

to the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention to meet operating needs this year.

The money comes from the convention operating reserve, on approval of the SBC Executive Committee.

The Stewardship Commission's request to get Cooperative Program allocations starting in 1964 will be taken up at the February, 1963 meeting of the Executive Committee. It is at this meeting the 1964 convention budget will be drawn up for convention adoption.

## College Bill May Open Door

NASHVILLE (BP)—Ground has been lost in the battle against public aid to private and parochial schools, according to a Baptist spokesman here.

C. Emanuel Carlson, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., interpreted the compromise Higher Education Bill that is before the Congress to the Southern Baptist Communication Conference.

The Bill agreed upon by the Senate-House Conference provides \$2.35 billion Federal Aid to the Nation's 2,040 colleges and universities. It includes classroom construction aid to both public and church-related colleges, a loan fund for needy students and assistance for community junior colleges.

Carlson explained that all of the factors setting precedents for future aid to private schools on the elementary and secondary levels are present in the Higher Education Bill. These include special purpose grants to public and private colleges alike and an extension of the student loan program to the equivalent of scholarships in special cases.

### Principle Eroded

The principle of public funds for public schools and private funds for private schools has been seriously eroded, if this bill passes, Carlson observed.

As originally passed by the House the Bill provided across the board loans and grants to both public and church-related colleges for construction of academic facilities. The Senate Bill included only loans to church schools.

The new Compromise Bill restricts the loans and grants to special purposes, such as science buildings, libraries and engineering buildings. No distinction is made between public and private colleges in eligibility for these aids.

## Australian Group Declines WCC Affiliation

SYDNEY, Australia (RNS)—The Triennial Conference of the Baptist Union of Australia, meeting here, voted against affiliating with the World Council of Churches.

Victoria was the only one of six state unions to recommend affiliation with the WCC. The vote of the Triennial Conference followed a mandate of the previous conference which had directed a study and ballot on the proposal.

A majority of the state unions also voted against membership in the Australian Council of Churches. The delegates passed a resolution stating that Baptists of Australia "will make every endeavor and spare no effort in bringing to the people of Australia, and the mission field for which we have accepted responsibility, the saving grace of Jesus Christ the Lord."

"At the same time we assure our brethren in the Lord of the other denominations that we will happily continue to work with them in our joint task of spreading the Gospel and relieving the needy."



PRESENT TO HELP dedicate the new Carey College dormitory named in honor of their father, Abner Polk, were left to right, Mrs. Richard H. Clark, Sr., Mrs. W. R. Bethea, Mrs. Waldie Jackson, Mrs. Louis Zehnder, and Mrs. Frank Montague. All are from Hattiesburg except Mrs. Bethea, from Jackson.

## Abner Polk Hall Dedicated At Carey College

Abner Polk, outstanding Mississippi Baptist layman of Hattiesburg, died 18 years ago at the age of 83. Last week 110 eager young men of another generation paraded into a new dormitory at William Carey College named in his honor.

"Lowly" freshmen, dressed in red caps, dangling name plates, and backward ties, peered earnestly into the face of this man whose portrait hangs in the foyer of the 3-story brick and concrete building. Something of his greatness will permeate their own lives as they live and study in an atmosphere of depth, dignity, and devotion—an atmosphere which Abner Polk helped to create for them long before they were born.

"Livery stables" may be a term not understood by students climbing out of automatic transmission automobiles. But it was through livery stables and other diversified business enterprises that Abner Polk earned the income which he so generously shared with William Carey College in its struggling infancy as Mississippi Woman's College.

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## Record Budget...

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following amounts in the new budget:

State Missions, \$429,045; Christian education, \$500,000; Children's Village, \$70,000; Board Ministerial Education, \$33,000; Mississippi Baptist Hospital, \$35,000; Baptist Memorial Hospital (Memphis), \$15,000; Mississippi Baptist Foundation, \$23,000; Woman's Missionary Union, \$60,338; Evangelism and Promotion, \$49,399; Administration, \$42,968; bookkeeping and auditing, \$26,850; Baptist Building (maintenance), \$15,100; Retirement Plans, \$189,200. The remainder of the budget goes for Convention expenses items, insurance and Social Security payments.

### Capital Needs Listed

Capital Needs items in the new budget list as follows:

Four colleges, \$200,000; Mississippi Baptist Hospital, \$35,000; Baptist Memorial Hospital (Memphis), \$20,000; assemblies, \$54,000; Headquarters building site, \$12,000; Baptist Student Union center, \$13,800.

All funds received over \$2,786,000 to be allocated 67% to the Headquarters Building Program and 33% to Southern Baptist Convention causes. All Capital Needs allocations are fixed items.

The \$918,500 allocated to Southern Baptist Convention causes will be forwarded to Nashville, Tenn., where it will be divided proportionately among the twenty causes sponsored by the Convention. These include both home and foreign missions, the seminaries, hospitals and other causes.

The \$429,045 from the State Causes allocated to State Missions will go to 27 different items in the State Mission budget.

The four colleges listed to receive support are Mississippi College, Clinton; Blue Mountain College; Clarke College, Newton and Wm. Carey College, Hattiesburg.

The new budget year will begin Nov. 1.

the first graduating class at Carey College and five other daughters attended the school after completing their education many of Abner Polk's descendants have entered into active Baptist life throughout the state and elsewhere. One grandson, Dr. Ralph Bethea, of Jackson, is now serving Southern Baptists as a medical missionary in Indonesia.

Purser Hewitt, editor of the Jackson Clarion-Ledger and member of the College Board of Trustees, spoke at the exercises. He said, "Mr. Polk was a sincere believer in Christian education—so much so that he sent each of his twelve children who reached college age to a Christian college in Mississippi."

One of the daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Polk Jackson, was in

## Survey Shows...

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in mind for an individual church to call.

The survey disclosed the qualifications most churches expect a pastor to have are far below the standard listed in the New Testament.

For instance, only 35 per cent of the churches had requirements concerning man's spiritual qualities. (The same percentage had educational requirements.) Thirty-one per cent had character requirements and 29 per cent doctrinal qualifications.

Requirements or preferences of age and appearance were listed by 28 per cent of the churches.

The survey discovered that churches with better than average statistical records were most apt to follow one similar routine in looking for pastors. Churches with sub-par averages usually followed a different pattern.

However, using a given routine in securing a pastor didn't guarantee a church statistical success.

Churches with about average records more often (1) used a pulpit committee, (2) had the entire congregation participate in the selection of committee members and (3) paid all or part of the pulpit committee's expense.

### Went Greater Distances

These churches also were influenced more often by recommendations of ministers, state denominational workers and college and seminary personnel.

Above average churches went greater distances to obtain a pastor, required higher standards to be met, investigated more thoroughly and had a higher percentage of membership present at the meeting when the pastor was chosen.

Methods of investigation varied greatly. One church hired a private detective. Others said they depended "entirely on Prayer" and deliberately made no attempt to learn about the man. Smaller churches were more likely not to investigate.

Other practices of Southern Baptist churches in securing pastors included:

Pulpit Committee—only 8 per cent of the churches chose not to use a Pulpit Committee.

Approximately 11 per cent did not need one, since the pastor was selected while they were still a mission or was agreed on by all members from the

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Continuing, Mr. Nunnery said: "This would make it possible for Mississippi Baptists to have a completely new and modern, and perhaps model

Baptist home for dependent children without the necessity of conducting a fund drive or asking for capital funds, to come from the Cooperative Program.

"The \$300,000 which the 1961 Convention authorized the Children's Village to borrow from its endowment for rehabilitation purposes on the present campus will not be used in the new plan of procedure unless absolutely necessary."

### Cites Origin of Study

The present plan of procedure had its origin when the administration and trustees of the Children's Village undertook to implement the authority granted by the 1961 Convention to spend the \$300,000 to be borrowed from its endowment funds for the purchase of new cottages, declared Mr. Nunnery.

Further, the Village Superintendent said: "It became apparent at an early stage that the institution could spend as much as a half million dollars on the present site without correcting deficiencies which exist and without updating other facilities to a point which would justify the outlay of such a vast sum of money."

It was at this point, he declared, that the economic feasibility study was instigated which resulted in the present plan of procedure.

Elaborating further on reasons for relocating, he pointed out that several buildings on the present property are inadequate for modern child care needs, several others are in a bad state of repair and that the buildings are too closely grouped for effective disciplinary purposes.

Further Mr. Nunnery asserted that the area where the present campus is located is progressively being committed to commercial and industrial development and is not conducive to the proper training of children.

He further declared that by actual traffic count the street in front of the present campus between Bailey Avenue and Five Points is said to be the busiest street in Jackson, thus adding to the safety problems there.

### Qualifications Listed

Associational workers had greatest influence on churches with under 300 members. State denominational workers had more effect with churches of 750 or more members. (In pioneer areas, every church surveyed checked with the state Baptist executive secretary before calling a man.)

Qualifications—of churches listing educational requirements, 27 per cent wanted a seminary graduate. Of those where age was a factor, all wanted a man under 50 years of age. Seventy-five per cent wanted him to be under 45.

Forty-two per cent wanted him before he became 40, another 10 per cent before he was 30. The average age of Southern Baptist pastors was found to be 40.

Procedure—twelve per cent of the churches considered more than one man at a time. Eight per cent voted on more than one man at the same service. Most churches (44.5 per cent) voted on pastoral calls on Sunday, 24 per cent at the midweek service.

Six per cent didn't hear the man preach before voting to call him. Eleven per cent of the churches still call a man on year-to-year basis, not indefinitely. Only 29 per cent write out agreements made with the pastor before he accepted the call.

Rev. Estes, native of Vernon in Lee County, was pastor of Temple Grove Church in Lee County before going to Hattiesburg.

Rev. Estes and his wife have moved on the church field and begun their work there.

## Building The Kingdom

### An Appeal to Church Budget Committees

Dollars invested in putting your State Baptist Paper in your church budget will bear enduring dividends in furthering the Kingdom of God.

Foreign Missions, Home Mission, Christian Education, Benevolences—all the interests of our beloved denomination will be strengthened.

Constant emphasis upon the doctrines of our faith, based upon the clear teachings of God's living Word, will unite our young people.

Basic in everything we are trying to do as Baptists is the ministry of our State Baptist Papers. Put your paper in your church budget.

Louie D. Newton, Chairman  
Baptist State Paper Committee  
Southern Baptist Convention

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lic community junior colleges.

### House Recommits

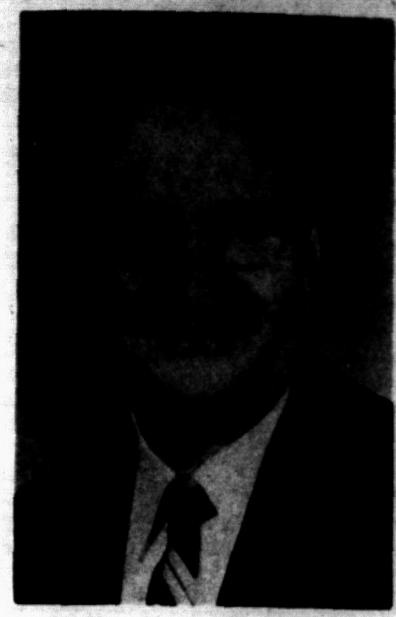
The House of Representatives voted 214-186 to recommit the bill to its education and labor committee with instructions to eliminate the student loan program. This action killed the bill, unless the Senate-House conference committee reaches new compromises.

The Washington Post editorial said that the National Education Association "brought its representatives from all over the country to lobby on the bill for recommitment. We think it will rue its narrowness and shortsightedness."

Another organization, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, was likewise attacked by the editorial for opposing federal grants to sectarian colleges. The PTA, the editorial said, "was similarly unable to see beyond the tip of its own snub nose."

The Executive Committee of the Southern

## Baptist Retirement Center Being Constructed In Arizona Mountains



some, moral atmosphere.

It is sponsored by the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Willis J. Ray, former executive secretary of the Colorado Baptist Convention, has been named vice-president of Corona de Tucson and executive director of the Golden Years Community.

Under his inspirational leadership, the Golden Years Community is expected to attract retiring Baptists from all over the nation, seeking the companionship of congenial and like-minded neighbors.

Unlike unimproved tract developments, Corona de Tucson will provide homes and homesites with all city utilities and paved streets, Baptist churches, shopping centers, etc.

Work has begun on leisure-time features such as a golf course, swimming pool and community buildings for social activities.

Situated at a "high and dry" altitude of 3600 feet where the temperature remains pleasant winter and summer, the Golden Years Community is only 25 minutes from picturesque Tucson, one of the fastest growing cities in the United States.

Doctor Ray terms Corona de Tucson "the ideal retirement home."

"As it grows, facilities will be expanded and new features added to avoid any hint of congestion," said Doctor Ray. "Active retirement is a modern way of living and the finest way to do this is in your own Baptist community."

Explaining that \$1,500,000 is being spent by the Corona de Tucson Corporation in laying the groundwork for the project, Dr. Charles L. McKay, executive secretary-treasurer of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention described the Golden Years Community as "one of the largest projects ever undertaken by any group."

Here are a few sobering facts which the social drinker or teetotaler should remember: \$20 million is spent by agencies every year to help families of problem drinkers; estimates are that the total loss due to alcoholism is \$1 billion; the problem drinker himself loses an estimated 22 days of work every year because of alcoholism, and two days more than average because of illness. He has twice as many accidents, according to studies made by Yale University; and he dies 12 years sooner than he would if he didn't drink.

### MC B.S.U. SPONSORS MANY EVENTS

The Baptist Student Union at Mississippi College will provide students with a full program of activities this school year.

Under the leadership of Cary Byrne, B.S.U. Student Director, and Tim Townsend, president, the B.S.U. has outlined a program that reaches into every area of campus life and that will aid in the religious growth of every student.

The campus religious group began its schedule of activities with a pre-school retreat at the Baptist encampment at Camp Garawa. Here the com-

mittee heads had a chance to meet with their committee members to map out and coordinate plans for the new school year.

Among the activities to be offered by the B.S.U. this year will be daily vespers services held each evening in the B.C. Rogers Student Center, and mission trips each week to the Old Ladies Home, the City Jail, Clinton Nursing Home, Veterans Administration Hospital, Children's Hospital County Jail, Old Men's Home, and the Hinds County Old Folks Home.

Also in the B.S.U. program are special activities for the married students of the campus, sponsorship of the Young Women's Auxiliary, and many social functions.



Dr. Chester E. Swor



Lloyd T. Householder



Rev. Ralph B. Winters



Dr. Nathan Porter

## Meet These Personalities At State Student Convention In Meridian October 12-14



Charles W. Junker



Dr. Samuel Cannata



Mrs. Samuel Cannata



Audrey L. Hawkins

### Baptists Blamed . . .

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ditional American instruments of primary and secondary education.

The Washington Post bemoaned the long-range effect of the defeat of the college bill on federal aid to all education. It said, "so much inflexibility, so many prejudices and bitternesses, so stubborn an adherence to special interest in the name of principle, were involved in the vote that the chances of any federal aid to education, now or in the future, seem very dim indeed."

### Baptist Position Hit During Debate

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptists and others who opposed the higher education bill on the ground of separation of church and state were taken to task by Rep. Edith Green (D., Ore.) on the floor of the House of Representatives.

The House was debating a Senate-House compromise bill that provided for special purpose grants to church-related colleges for construction of libraries, science facilities and engineering buildings. The bill also contained a provision for student loans and scholarships.

By a vote of 214-186 the House recommitted the bill to the Education and Labor Committee with instruction to eliminate the student loan provisions. Supporters of the bill are reported to have said that his action probably killed any chance of a major education bill this year.

During the two days between the surprise report of the conference committee and the action by the House, intense opposition to the bill developed by the National Education Association and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Both bodies sent telegrams to every

member of Congress protesting the inclusion of church-related colleges in the federal aid program.

#### In Dramatic Effort

Mrs. Green in a dramatic effort to play down the "religious issue" in the bill as mere sectarian controversy claimed that it has been the policy of the United States to give grants to church related colleges for 100 years. She then read what she said is "a partial list of Baptist colleges which have received both loans and grants" in recent years. The list included 70 colleges in 28 states.

During her attack on the Baptists Mrs. Green was asked by Rep. Thomas B. Curtis (R., Mo.) to clarify the nature of these aids to the Baptist schools. He asked, "Are those grants or are they actual contracts for services?"

Mrs. Green replied, "There are loans and grants and contracts. There are several areas where there are unrestricted grants."

In the list read by Mrs. Green, however, there was no way to distinguish between dormitory housing loans, student loan funds, research grants or other aids made available to these Baptist schools.

Continuing her attack Mrs. Green said "that any individual member of this Congress or any organization that opposes this legislation on the religious issue should in good faith either introduce a bill or support legislation which would repeal the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the National Aeronautics and Space Agency and the National Defense Education Act; yes, and even the Hill-Burton funds."

**Celebreze Sends Wires**

Her reason was that "in all these areas funds have been given to private and public colleges alike."

**Ellis Sends Wires**

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## EDITORIAL PAGE

### The Baptist Record

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

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### A Worship Experience

"If the Communists Take Over in the United States" was the heading of the chapter. It was in a new book which I was reading on Saturday night. The title was THE FUTURE IS UPON US and the author was Roy L. Smith. A review of the book will be presented shortly, for it is important.

The author said "Absolute freedom of worship would not be permitted" if the Communists take over "Worship services might be permitted, but the matters with which the church could concern itself would be strictly limited. There could be no Sunday schools, religious education, church training classes, spiritual instruction, or evangelism in any form." There was more. It was serious.

On Sunday morning I worshipped in my church. This was unusual since I am usually preaching somewhere else. I had attended a men's class where an outstanding teacher had expounded the Word of God to a group of business and professional men. I then had moved to a place in the auditorium.

I was early so I sat quietly and drank in the beauty of the sanctuary itself, feeling the spiritual blessing of its worshipful atmosphere. I breathed a prayer of thanksgiving to God for our fathers who had built such a place of worship.

I saw the people as they began to move in for the worship service, slowly at first, and then rapidly as more classes were dismissed, and the hour of worship drew near. There were boys and girls with eager spirit and young people with quick step. There were young adults with their families and older people bearing the marks of the years. Yet, in almost every face there was the joy and strength that comes from serving God. A spirit of anticipation seemed to pervade each heart as they moved to their places or seats.

The organ began quietly at first, almost inaudibly, and then with stronger voice as the choir, the deacons and the pastor and staff filed in to take their places. A hush fell over the audience, and then as the organ boomed forth all arose to proclaim joyously, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

The service had begun. The people joined in the reading of the Word, the periods of prayer, the offering and the hymns. They sat quietly as the choir sang the anthem. They listened intently as the pastor voiced his message from God. There were no hindrances, no watching policemen, no threatening force.

This was America. People were free to worship God according to the dictates of their hearts. No one would interfere. The pastor could preach as his heart led. In Communist lands and some other areas it is not so. There is not the freedom even to worship God as one desires.

This is one of the freedoms which we dare not allow to slip away from us. Evil forces will take away these freedoms if they can. We must be ever alert, ready to fight and even die, that we, and our children, may have the right, when the Lord's Day comes, to go to His house, and lift our hearts in worship.

This right must not, it shall not, be taken away!



years of that teaching has been done, last Sunday honored Mrs. Stephenson for that distinguished service. The morning worship hour was largely dedicated to her, and the pastor presented her with a special framed recognition certificate, and a book of congratulatory messages from friends far and near.

Sunday school teaching is one of the most important positions a Christian can fill in a church. The teacher is God's messenger, opening the Word of God for waiting hearers. Only the records of heaven will reveal the souls saved, the lives enriched, the Christian character built, the homes blessed, and the strengthening which has come to the church and the kingdom through the dedicated service Mrs. Stephenson has given.

For seventy-three years this quiet, godly woman has studied her Bible, prepared the lessons, attended the teachers' meetings and other services, visited her class members, prospects, and done the other work required of a teacher. Not one single time has she made excuse to the nominating committee, saying that she had done enough, or was too busy, or had something else that she wanted to do. She was always ready to serve, and still is, for she has accepted a class for another year.

We cannot but think of how different will be her experience when she stands face to face with her Lord, from that of some of us who have made excuse and did not serve.

### GUEST EDITORIAL Is The Denominational Paper

#### A Luxury?

E. S. James in *Baptist Standard* (Texas)

From the place accorded the Baptist state paper in some church budgets one would get the idea that it is a luxury that might be desirable in case something else is not needed. From the smallest church to the largest one provision is made for all kinds of Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, W. M. U., and auxiliary materials. No one would think of omitting any of these, and none should be left out. How does it happen, then, that so many budget committees recommend that the denominational paper be sent to the people if there is enough money left everything else is provided, and why is it so often true that when receipts decline someone is always ready to suggest that the paper be dropped from the budget first? Is it really a luxury that should be sent to the members only when there is a surplus in the treasury?

One wonders why some of the churches do not try economizing on some other things. Some of the budget committees that are so economy minded about spending a few hundred dollars to put the paper in the homes of the people will not hesitate to spend several times as much for things that are not really necessary in the Lord's work. Apparently it does not occur to them that the state Baptist paper pays more dividends in cash than any other expenditure except the salaries of the workmen. They seem not to remember that people who read the Baptist papers regularly are usually the most faithful members because they are the best informed. Why, then, is it so often true that the paper is included last in the budget and dropped first if retrenchment becomes necessary?

We know the common answers: "Nobody reads it—The postmaster found some copies in the wastebasket. It is just a promotion sheet for expensive denominational activities." We know what some say, and we challenge the statements.

We challenge the church leadership to check the readership of the state paper against that of any other kind of religious literature placed in the hands of the people. We challenge it to check the labels on the papers found in the waste baskets and see how many of them were addressed to Baptist women whose husbands are not in sympathy with their wives' churches. We challenge them to order organizational literature to be mailed directly to the pupils and then check the post office to see how many copies of it are discarded after every mailing. We challenge it to check the baskets for other types of denominational literature that are mailed at denominational expense instead of being made a specific item in the local church budgets.

We challenge every church in Texas that does not have the Standard in the budget to put it in this coming year and send it to every home. Then at the end of the year ask how many of the people want it dropped. Why not give it the same chance in the lives of the people that is given to the other types of good religious literature? We challenge the churches that do not use the Standard to make inquiry of those that do and see how many of them are happy to give it a high rating and a prominent place in the annual budgets. Finally, we challenge those who do not read the state paper to match their knowledge of Christian work around the world with the knowledge possessed by those who do read it regularly.

If your denominational paper is an essential then it is worth more than its costs. If it is a luxury and not worth its price, then let its publication cease. It is a sin to spend church money needlessly, but it could be a sin also to economize at the wrong time and place.

Happy is the man whose quiet mind from vain desires is free.—Granville.

Age is not so much a matter of gray hair as it is of gray matter. Beauty is more the result of how you make up your mind than how you make up your face.—Rev. Robert C. Howe, "Christian Advocate."

What we lack is attention and reflection. We do not think and therefore we do not thank. The two words grow out of the same root. Thanking is the fruit of thinking. Accordingly, to give thanks always for all things implies the maintenance of a habit of alert and sympathetic attention.—George Hodges.

### Seventy-Three Years

A Sunday school teacher for seventy-three years. This is probably a record for all of America and even the whole world. We doubt if anywhere in any denomination can be found a person who has taught the Bible in Sunday school for a longer period.

This is the record of a Mississippian, Mrs. T. E. Stephenson of Jackson. She reached her 90th birthday last Saturday. On October first she will begin her 74th consecutive year as a Sunday school teacher.

First Baptist Church, Jackson, where more than 30

## When Baptist Churches Face Declining Membership

By R. Paul Caudill, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Memphis, Tenn.

One of the most ominous reports on churches and declining membership, in years, was published in the July, 1962, issue of THE BAPTIST TIMES of London. Writing on "Baptist Membership 1911-1961", Sir Herbert Janes presents the sobering fact that there has been a decline in the membership of the churches in the Baptist Union of Britain that has gone on "in an almost unbroken succession for fifty years." The actual decline last year, for England, was only 1,820, but the small loss was only part of a larger pattern that has been continuing for half a century.

In 1911, states Sir Herbert, Baptist membership in England was 268,224, while in 1961 it was 196,777. This means that while the population in England, during the past fifty years, has increased by some 10 millions, the membership of Baptist churches has fallen by some 70,000. To carry the picture further, in 1911 there were approximately eight Baptists per thousand of the population. In 1961, fifty years late, the number amounted to approximately 1½ per thousand.

The real problem that confronts churches today is not declining membership, but ineffectiveness on the part of Christ's followers. It is not enough to think casually in terms of orthodoxy and propositions. Believers ought to have as though they have had a soul-shaking experience with Jesus Christ — an experience that begets, in its wake, total involvement.

Perhaps as churches we have been too introspective—too introverted. Our true ministry is to the world. . . . a world anybody else.

### BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs  
Pastor, First Baptist Church  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

### THE FREE WILL OF MAN

The free will of man denotes man's freedom to act within the context of his own will and judgement. Otherwise he would be nothing more than a puppet.

God made man in His own image (Gen. 1:27). Thus he is a personality with the power of choice (Gen. 3:16). He is capable of a sense of guilt (Gen. 3:6) and is responsible for his choices (Gen. 3:8-24; Jer. 31:29-30; Ezek. 18:2). God has revealed His will to man through nature (Rom. 1:19 ff.), conscience (Rom. 2:14-15), and the Holy Scripture (Rom. 2:17 ff.). His supreme revelation is in Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:1 ff.). But man is free to act according to or in defiance of this manifold revelation (John 1:12).

The doctrine of the free will of man appears to conflict with that of God's sovereignty. However, reason itself demands both, to say nothing of scriptural teaching. Both are facts of experience. The sovereignty of God must not cancel man's freedom, or else man loses his personality and is incapable of fellowship with God. God would be nothing more than a puppet.

The goal of God's redemptive work in Christ Jesus is to bring man's free will into harmony with God's sovereign will. The steps of this process are justification, sanctification, and final glorification (Rom. 8:29-30).

### Calendar of Prayer

October 1 — Mary Elizabeth Crenshaw, Blue Mountain College faculty; Dale Oden, Baptist Book Store.

October 2 — Charlotte Lindemann, Seminary Extension Department; Mrs. T. G. Jones, staff, Baptist Children's Village.

October 3 — Mrs. Jennie Lou Breland, faculty, William Carey College; Bernard Blackwell, faculty, Mississippi College.

October 4 — Henry Adams, Leake associational Training Union director; Mrs. Lewis Winn, Jones associational W MU president.

October 5 — Mrs. Peggy Broome, Baptist Building; Mrs. Evelyn Burke, Hinds Missions office.

October 6 — Jack Palmer, Baptist Student Director, East Miss. Junior College, Scooba; Mrs. Sandra Crook, faculty, Gilfoy School of Nursing.

October 7 — Harry Phillips, Superintendent of Missions, Benton and Tippah Counties; Clyde Coker, Pike associational Brotherhood president.

### Two States Reach CP Goals

NASHVILLE (BP) — Two states, Kentucky and California, report success in meeting their cooperative program goals this year.

For the first time in four years, the Cooperative Program goal for the Kentucky Baptist Convention has been reached. Kentucky, completing a fiscal year change, had only 10 months in its Cooperative Program "year."

The goal of \$2,083,333 was exceeded by more than \$500, according to Harold G. Sanders of Middletown, convention Executive Secretary. The end of the fiscal year was changed from Oct. 31 to Aug. 25.

Edmond Walker of Fresno, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, predicted for the first time since 1957 this convention will reach its Cooperative Program goal.

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Rev. M. Glenn Smith

### Accepts Post At Galilee

Rev. M. Glenn Smith has accepted the pastorate of the Galilee Church, Gloster, having moved September 10. The pastorum has been completely redecorated and a fine shower of groceries and linens awaited the Smiths.

Rev. Smith served in Corinth twelve years and four months, including pastorate at Tate. He received 6767 members during that period; led in erecting a new educational building; acquiring additional building that was used for youth building and educational director's home; completely air-conditioned the auditorium and educational building; led in organizing a mission in East Corinth and then led the mission into full organization of East Corinth Church.

He accepted the call to Oak-land Mission in August of '61 and helped organize the mission into Oak-land Church in September, '61. He led in securing the site, drafting plans, and erecting the first unit of a building for the Oak-land group.

## WCTU Leader Urges Campaign On Prevention of Alcoholism

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (RNS)—The president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union urged the launching of national, regional and local programs stressing the "prevention" of alcoholism, instead of its "cure."

Mrs. Fred J. Tooze of Evanston, Ill., asserted at the WCTU's 88th annual convention here that the over-emphasis on cure rather than prevention has not resulted in a reduction of the number of alcoholics (estimated at five million).

"To effect a reduction in alcoholism," she said, "we must first reduce the \$12 billion spent for the consumption of three billion, 165 million gallons of alcoholic beverages annually."

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She urged that 21 instead of 18 be made the legal age for the serving of liquor anywhere in the U.S., that liquor be barred to members in the armed forces and that alcoholic beverage advertising be outlawed in interstate commerce.

#### Urge More Education

Mrs. Tooze also asked that more extensive alcohol education programs be started in teachers colleges and in high and elementary schools to insure better teaching of the ef-

fects of liquor.

Addressing a session for WCTU officers and other leaders, Mrs. Tooze told them to spearhead a drive to defeat "increasing drink promotion targeted to women and children."

She charged that the liquor industry "is deliberately pointing its advertising to women and young people for the purpose of market expansion."

"Current alcoholism and juvenile delinquency are rooted in the American home where the family room has become a barroom, and living a vaudeville performance headlining mother in an irresponsible way of life," she said.

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"The peace and tranquility of our Southland is being destroyed by outside agitators and trouble makers; and we believe that these outside agitators and trouble makers are communistic inspired; and it has become increasingly evident that integration is not the end, or the goal, sought by these agitators and trouble makers, but is only a means to an end, that end being the subjugation of a free people; and the Justice Department and the Federal Government of our great nation are allowing, even aiding, these people to disrupt our peace and tranquility; and the Federal Government has encouraged upon our rights as free citizens to the point that today our basic freedoms, as provided by the constitution, are in jeopardy; and we being free and loyal Americans desiring to perpetuate our liberties and our right to govern ourselves without outside interference;

"We do here and now pray-erfully, solemnly and earnestly pledge our absolute and un-wavering support in this hour of crisis to our Governor and all other officials who lend themselves to our cause. Furthermore, we do here and now resolve that we shall NEVER surrender any of the principles relative hereto. Neither shall we allow ourselves to be- come dominated by or subjugated to a centralized power and the tyranny of a power crazed administration regardless of the cost or the sacrifice such a stand may demand, so help us God."

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## Sunday Reports

### Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance Additions To The Church

	885	202	6
Amory, 1st	616	165	5
Biloxi, First	268	122	
Biloxi, Emmanuel	268	122	
Brookhaven:			
First	815	251	1
First	750	225	1
Halbert Hts.	54	26	
Booneville, 1st	468	190	8
Main	535	153	
Mission	72	37	
Byram Memorial	162	41	
Center:			
Center Terrace	315	139	1
Carson Ridge (Attala)	39	28	
Clarkdale	475	90	
Corinth, 1st	378	130	1
DeRidder, 1st	319	111	
Greenville:			
Emmanuel	158	113	5
Greenwood, North	393	113	4
Guilford, 1st	927	380	10
Hattiesburg:			
Main Street	322	174	15
Highway:			
Main Street	1019	483	32
North Main	942	422	
Waynado	40	17	
30th Avenue	307	161	3
Jackson:			
Hillcrest	594	244	6
Woodland Hills	705	205	
Highland	317	147	1
Van Winkle	230	211	
Alta Woods	1175	450	5
Parkway	918	427	2
Oak Forest	447	166	
Daniel	159	58	
Carroll	158	58	
Main	1822	552	
Mission	66	37	
First	1708	469	
Elaine	302	120	
Robinson St.	347	117	
Broadmoor	1193	539	18
Crestwood	392	198	2
Ridgecrest	806	267	4
Colonial Hts.	241	91	3
Grandview	235	93	
Midway Hts.	235	125	13
Birrwood Dr.	243	122	4
Midway	328	119	
McDowell Road	268	124	
Southside	218	138	1
Lakeview:			
Second Avenue	411	142	
First	597	197	5
McComb:			
South	203	72	
East	392	107	2
Central	230	92	5
Navilla	216	125	
Locust St.	200	124	
Olive Branch	191	63	
Pearson	159	65	
Woodland (Rankin)	328	166	1
Ripley, 1st	322	102	
Star	167	102	
Terry	202	97	
Tupelo:			
Carry	406	174	
First	468	133	
Harrisburg	670	214	3
Union (Pearl R.)	382	229	19
Vicksburg, Trinity	196	104	
Wellman	127	54	
West Point, 1st	851	164	2
Wheeler Grove (Aie.)	101	90	
Wheeler SEPTEMBER 16, 1962	130	75	
New Hope (Cov.)	421	242	7
Pasagoula	18	18	
Mission	45	33	
Prospect (Perry)	376	117	
Quitman, 1st	163	94	
Stay	54	34	
West End (Wins.)			

One of the most devastating answers to a rather foolish question was given by the famous preacher, George MacDonald. A woman once asked him, "Sir, are you quite sure that in heaven I will recognize my husband?" The old preacher replied, "Madam, do you think we shall be greater fools in heaven than we are here?" —Frank S. Mead in *Tarbell's Teachers' Guide* (Fleming H. Revell Company).

Men have had to mass huge armies, move mountains of groceries, immobilize nations to monopolize thrones and make an empire. God sets His up with a pocketful of seeds—a speck of love, a pinch of faith. He fed His multitude with a few loaves and two fishes, built His cross from an acorn. "The kingdom," He said "is like a mustard seed." —David A. Redding from *The Parables He Told* (Fleming H. Revell Company).

Weeds need not be wicked to be weeds. They are more often good plants in the wrong place. That is what America suffers from. Our heads are buzzing with so many good ideas we don't have time for the best. Christianity is fighting a losing battle in so many of our lives, not because we are bad, but because we are too busy with our brief caseful of second rate stuff. —David A. Redding from *The Parables He Told* (Fleming H. Revell Company).

You get the impression from some people that they can believe in God only when the weather is fair, when things are going well; but when things go wrong, when tragedy or suffering come, then their faith begins ebbing away. But God, the Mighty Intelligence behind this tremendous universe, is too great to be revealed only in a life of fair weather. As someone so aptly put it, "It takes stormy as well as sunny days to reveal all the meaning of the sea." So it is with God. —Kermit R. Olsen in *The Magnitude of Prayer* (Fleming H. Revell Company).

When Phillips Brooks met Helen Keller, who later became the miracle of her generation, he was asked to convey to this deaf and blind mute the love and nature of God. It took considerable time before he was able to bridge the handicaps that separated them, but suddenly the light of understanding crossed her face, and she signaled back to him, "I always knew there was a God, but didn't know His name." —Kermit R. Olsen in *The Magnitude of Prayer* (Fleming H. Revell Company).

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON —

### John Heralds The Christ

By Clifton J. Allen  
Luke 1:5-25, 57-80; 3:1-20;  
Mark 6:14-29

Some four hundred years passed between the time of Malachi and the coming of John the Baptist. It is a period of silence, so far as the Scriptures are concerned. But hope for the Messiah became stronger and stronger in the hearts of devout Jews. In preparation for the Saviour's coming, God provided a forerunner. God gave a son to Zacharias and Elisabeth, who were long past the time of bearing children, and chose this son to be the herald announcing the coming of the Christ. The son was named John and became known as John the Baptist. At the age of thirty, he began a dramatic ministry which ended with his martyrdom.

Where is the prophetic voice declaring the mighty works of God? Where is the fearless voice exposing sin and calling men to repentance? Every Christian is meant to be a voice declaring the truth about Jesus.

**The Lesson Explained**  
Voice in the Wilderness (vv. 1-3)

Luke was a true historian. He therefore took special pains to locate the time of John the Baptist's ministry. The time was indicated by reference to five political rulers and two religious leaders—a Roman emperor, a Roman governor, and three Roman tetrarchs; also two high priests in Jerusalem. Actually Caiaphas was the high priest but Annas had been high priest before Caiaphas and continued to be referred to in that capacity.

John had spent his youth and young manhood in solitary places. He lived in the simplest fashion and was always attuned to the still small voice of God. Thus he was prepared to hear the word of God when it came to him in the wilderness and to respond to the clear call of

the Holy Spirit. His mission had been foretold by Isaiah the prophet. Under a sense of divine appointment and with a message from heaven, John appeared suddenly in the Jordan valley and began preaching "the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins." John called on men to repent and assured them of God's forgiveness on the basis of genuine repentance. He baptized those who confessed their sins. There was nothing in John's preaching to suggest that baptism was a means to forgiveness; it was rather a dramatic declaration of repentance.

**PREACHER OF REPENTANCE** (vv. 7-14)

John's preaching created a sensation. It had the note of reality, urgency, and authority. Multitudes came to hear the desert prophet. But some came for curiosity, and their response to his message was superficial. When they sought baptism without repentance, he rebuked them as the offspring of snakes. Not having repented, they stood condemned and were unworthy of baptism. They needed a new understanding of true religion and of what was required for acceptance before God.

**FORERUNNER OF JESUS** (vv. 15-18)

The preaching of John the Baptist kindled afresh the messianic hope. The crowds wondered if John were himself the Christ. John answered that inquiry by disclaiming more than the mission of the forerunner.

He had a message to proclaim, the message of repentance, and the authority to baptize with water those who genuinely re-

pent. But the Christ, soon to appear, would baptize persons with holiness and judgment, even with the Holy Spirit. John felt unworthy even to untie the strings of the sandals of one so great. Christ would separate the good grain from the chaff, then save the grain and destroy the chaff with fire.

#### Truths to Live By

The kingdom of God is at hand. Christ has come. This means that the kingdom of God has come; it means that the kingdom of God is coming; and it means that the kingdom will come to a full and glorious consummation. The kingdom of God confronts us. Its principles call for acceptance. Its values challenge us to forsake all else in order to gain its riches. The kingdom of God—the kingdom of righteousness, joy, and peace—is at hand.

**Preparing the way for Christ** is the Christian's mission. —False ideas about Christian faith and Christian duty need to be corrected. The way should be prepared for Christ's entrance into the hearts of the lost, for his coming into every home, for his lordship to be acknowledged in every place of business and every office of government in this world.

**The herald of Christ should be humble.** —If this truth were understood and accepted, it would produce radical changes in the spirit of many Christians and in the life of many churches. We would talk less about great preachers, great sermons, great revivals, great budgets, great programs, great churches, and great men and women. We would talk a great deal more about the wonder and pre-eminence and glory of Christ, about his power and purpose and plan, and about his example and teaching.

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Rev. James R. Sellers  
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PREACHER

James R. Sellers was licensed to preach recently by the Highland Church, Jackson, Rev. Jasper Neel, pastor. Sellers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Sellers of Jackson. A graduate of Provine High School, he has enrolled at Clarke College, New- ton.

#### Writers To Meet Oct. 8-11

NASHVILLE — Writers who will prepare group captains' study procedures in 1963-64 southern Baptist young people's Training Union quarterly will convene here Oct. 8-11.

In the city of Milan, Italy, there is a rare and lovely cathedral. When I looked upon it the first time, someone used the descriptive phrase "frozen music." Above the massive doors of this cathedral, which has stood so long, is a three-fold statement of great wisdom. This is what you may read: "All that which pleases is but for a moment. All that which troubles is but a moment. That only is important which is eternal." —Denson N. Franklin in *Which Way Forward?* (Fleming H. Revell Company).

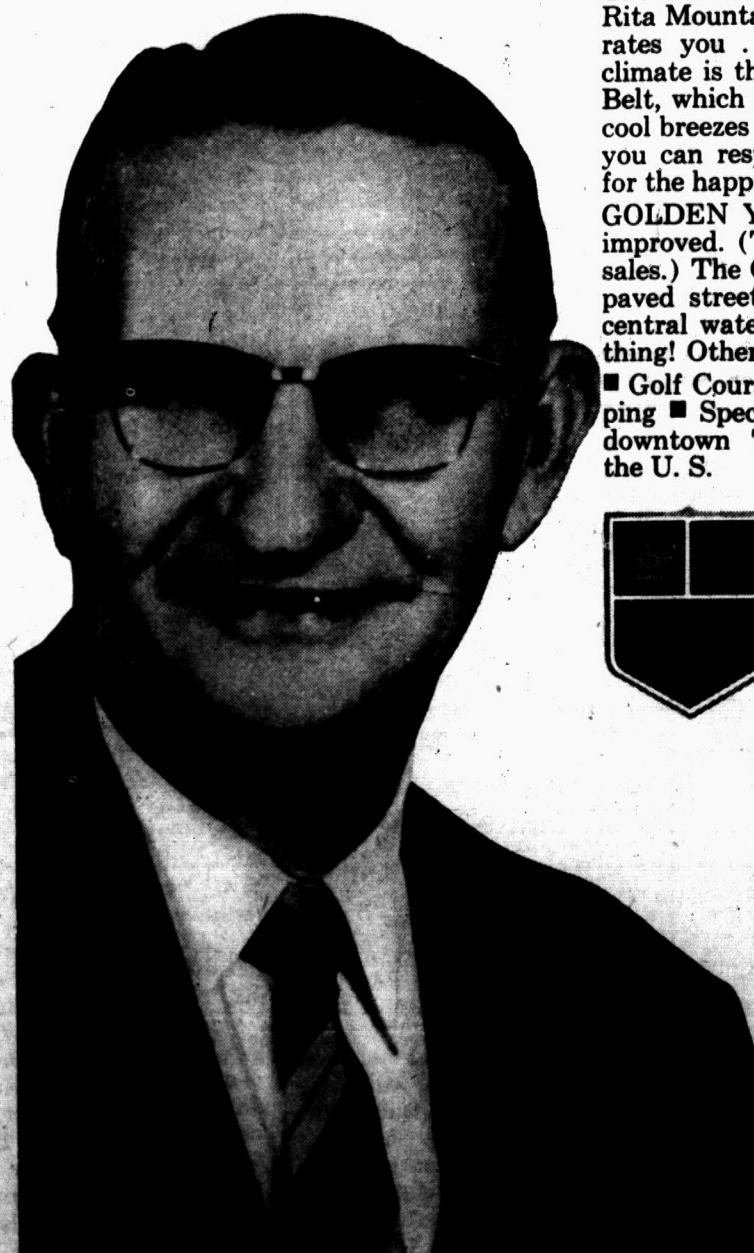
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## MC To Choose Alumnus Of Year

The Mississippi College Alumnus of the Year Committee is now receiving nominations for the annual Alumnus of the Year award to be given next month.

The committee, composed of alumni, faculty, and students, will announce its selection at the annual business meeting at the alumni luncheon during Homecoming, October 20. Roland Marble, Jackson attorney, is serving as chairman.

Nominations for Alumnus of the Year will be accepted until September 27. All nominations should be addressed to the Alumnus of the Year Committee, P. O. Box 27, Clinton.

The recipient is selected on the basis of his loyalty to the institution, his contribution to its character, and his contributions to society.

Former Alumni of the Year include Governor Ross R. Barnett (1959), late Congressman Will M. Whittington and Mrs. Whittington (1960), and Harvey McGehee and the late Dr. T. W. Green (1961).

## Fort Bayou To Celebrate 50th Birthday

FORT BAYOU Church, Jackson County, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on October 14, with all-day services and an old-fashioned dinner - on the ground.

In the afternoon program, beginning at 1:45, Rev. J. L. Boyd, Clinton, Mississippi Baptist Historical Society, will tell the highlights of the church's history.

Rev. R. V. Walker, Sr., pastor of Unity Church, Pascagoula, will be the featured speaker. Rev. R. L. Vaughn of Vancleave will speak on the subject, "Reminiscing Over the Years." Dan Havens will direct the music.

Rev. A. D. Nieman is the pastor.



**VICTOR VAUGHN**, formerly of Beech Grove, Tenn., is the new Dean of Men and teaches in the Department of Education at Clarke College. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn and children, Roy and Michael, are living in the Dean's Apartment of Huddleston Hall. Mr. Vaughn, who holds a B. A. degree from Belmont College and the M. A. degree from Peabody College, has served as pastor of the Beech Grove Church for six years and also taught in the Coffee County school system of Tennessee.

### Russell Ordains Four Deacons

Four members of Russell Church were ordained as deacons Sunday, Sept. 16. They were John Nelson, Don Curtis, Langford Price and Ronnie Massey.

Rev. Fred Donovan, pastor, preached the ordination sermon. Janice Sims and Dudley Sumrall, deacons assisted in the ordination ceremony. Albert Roberts, Gordie Harper, and Clarence Hicks, deacons, also assisted.

Edna Earl Westbrook, Joyce Westbrook, Perry Sims sang a dedication song for the new deacons, accompanied by Barbara Roberts.

Katie Massey, a student at Clarke College and a member of the congregation, dedicated her life to the foreign mission field.

Denton Sumrall, a student at Mississippi College and a member of the congregation, dedicated her life to the foreign mission field.

You can't control the length of your life, but you can have something to say about the width and depth.

## Tom, Annette Joseph Establish Student Loan Fund at Southwestern

Tom R. Joseph, Jr., Austin, Tex., is establishing a self-perpetuating \$25,000 Student Loan Fund at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary effective in September, 1962. The fund will be administered by the seminary scholarship and loan committee to "help worthy and deserving men students complete their seminary education."

Loans will bear no interest if paid within five years from the date of graduation. The

### Radio-TV Group To Retrace Steps Of Apostle Paul

**FORT WORTH**, Tex. — A two man script and camera team from Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission departs for the Near East this weekend to photographically retrace the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul.

Three half - hour historical documentary films in color will be made for Southern Baptists' 1964 television series, announced Dr. Paul M. Stevens, commission director. Following this, an hour-long film feature will be produced from the same footage for presentation at the 1964 Baptist Jubilee meeting in Atlantic City.

Truett Myers, television consultant for the commission, and Robert Addington, special assistant for this project, leave Friday, September 14, for Greece and Turkey (formerly Asia Minor). Stevens will join them a week later in Athens.

The three men will work on scripts, story boards, and film in Corinth, Thessalonica, and Philippi in Greece. Proceeding to Turkey they will go to Izmir, Ephesus, Konya (inconium), Lystra, Derbe, Perga, Tarsus and Antakya (Antioch).

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fund will be known as the "Annette and Tom Joseph Student Loan Fund."

Joseph, a graduate of Texas A. & M. College, attended Baylor University Law School. He has been active in politics, farming, ranching, and banking. He is president of the Texas State Bank in Austin and has controlling interest in banks at Georgetown and Round Rock, Tex.

A deacon in the Hyde Park Baptist Church, he teaches a Sunday School class of young boys, is director of the Training Union and a member of the building and grounds committee. He is an active Rotarian.

Mrs. Joseph, Annette, was born in Iuka, Miss. She attended Belhaven College and graduated from Baylor University. She served as treasurer of the Representatives Wives Club in Austin while her husband was in the legislature. She is active in Training Union, W.M.U., and the choir program of her church.

The Josephs have two children: Cindy 4, and Tommy Reid, 2.

### Foundation Grows

**RALEIGH**, N. C. — (BP) — Two estates turned over to the North Carolina Baptist Foundation almost double the agency's assets. The estate of R. Sterling Graves of Yanceyville, N. C., is valued at over \$400,000 and stipulates it be used for a home for the aged. The \$100,000 estate of a Wilson, N. C., resident goes to churches and Baptist institutions in the state.

The Golden Plover flies away to the Hawaiian Islands for the winter and leaves its young to grow strong enough to follow. When their wings are developed, these young rise into the sky and set their course over the Pacific. For two thousand miles they fly across the trackless sea, sometimes through storms, yet unerringly to those tiny islands.

How can you explain the flight of those birds? Surely God has provided for them something akin to our radio beams.

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TURNING the first spadefuls of dirt for Meadowview Church are the Rev. Guy C. Futral (left) and J. S. Vickers, chairman of the building committee. Other members of the building committee are (from left) Hollie Wilson, Hubert Stephens, and Elwood Hodges. Members not present for the picture are Allen Taylor and Hugh Duncan.

## Ceremony Marks Start On New Church In Starkville

Construction has begun on Starkville's newest church, the Meadowview Baptist Church in Longmeadow Subdivision. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Sunday, August 26 members of the building committee and the church pastor, Rev. Guy C. Futral.

The combination educational building and auditorium, expected to be completed by the first of 1963, is the first of three buildings planned by the church in the long range building program.

The second structure will be the sanctuary and the third another educational building. The church built a new pastorum last year near the church site in Longmeadow.

B. H. Wright is the builder in charge of construction on the building which will be concrete block with brick veneer exterior.

The structure will accommodate over 300 for worship services and 300 to 400 in Sunday School.

Financing is being handled through the sale of Church Bonds. Providence Church Plan, Inc. of Atlanta, Ga., is

directing the bond program.

The members of the building finance committee are: Charles Vaughan, chairman; Tom Cook, Ed Buckner; R. C. Johnson, and John Paul Moore.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

**Bethel Church (Copiah):** August 22-26; Rev. Davis Myers, interim pastor — Evangelist; J. C. Pell, song leader; four professions of faith; baptism held on Sept. 9.

**Southside Church, Hattiesburg:** three additions; three rededications; Rev. Gerald Ferguson, senior at William Carey College, evangelist; Mrs. Garland McInnis, pianist; Miss Miriam McInnis, organist; Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor.

## 173 MAKE PROFESSIONS IN QUAYAQUIL REVIVALS

There were 173 professions of faith recorded during a simultaneous evangelistic campaign held in the three Baptist churches and five missions of Guayaquil, Ecuador, August 19-September 4. Some of those accepting Christ: the eight-year-old son of a mission pastor, a former governor of Guayas Province, a traveling salesman who has attended a Baptist church in New York City, a 17-year-old unmarried mother, several people who had never before been in an evangelical church.

Seventy - one of the professions were made in the city's newest church, Calvary. Several laymen from this church held a meeting on the street corner for a half-hour before a main service to invite people inside. One night a man thus interested made a profession of faith. The next night he was back with his wife and teen - age daughter, both of whom also acknowledged Christ.

A schoolteacher and her husband, who have been Christians only two months, were instrumental in inviting more than 50 people to the revival. She brought 12 of her teen-age students one night, and several came back for other services. One later brought his mother to Sunday school.

A man who has been a Christian for about four months and who has now surrendered to preach was influential in leading his brother, sister-in-law, and step-mother to Christ during the campaign. The brother is now Sunday school superintendent at a mission near his home.

Each of the churches had services for a full week, and the missions met either Sunday through Wednesday or Thursday through Sunday. Salado Mission, which meets in the front room of a house where 65 can be seated comfortably, had an average attendance of 110, and the street was crowded every night.

The three guest preachers for the campaign were Jose Artavia, pastor of Paso Ancho Baptist Church, San Jose, Costa Rica, and president of the Costa Rican Baptist Convention; Ruben Piedra, of Costa Rica, a recent graduate of the International Baptist Theological



PICTURED IS A GROUP from Mississippi at Home Mission Week, Ridgecrest, N. C.

## NAMES In The News

**McLaurin Heights Church**, Jackson, set an attendance record in Sunday school and Training Union on Sunday, September 23, with 235 in Sunday school and 136 in Training Union. There were 11 additions to the church, too.

**Oakland Church** has been received into the Alcorn Association. The church has shown definite growth since it was organized a year ago, and has been meeting at Oakland School near Corinth. Rev. Glenn Smith now at Galilee, Gloster, led in the establishment of the work. The Oakland Church will worship in the first unit of their proposed plant on Sunday, October 7. Special services will be held. Rev. W. D. Ross is the present pastor.

**Pleasant Valley Church**, Simpson County, recently organized a WMU and Brotherhood. Rev. Dewitt Mitchell is the pastor.

**Miller Mission**, sponsored by Olive Branch Church, DeSoto County, was constituted as a church on Sunday afternoon, September 16.

**Rev. and Mrs. W. Guy Henderson**, missionaries to Korea, have moved from Pusan to Taegu and may be addressed at Baptist Mission, APO 18, San Francisco, Calif. He is a native of Jackson, Miss.; she is the former Lois Robertson of Alice, Tex.



**REGINA JOHN, Choctaw Indian**, Carthage, Route 7, who graduated from Meridian High School last June, has entered Kuhn Memorial Hospital in Vicksburg for the Practical Nurses Training Course. The first Indian girl in the state to enter this program offered by the State Department of Vocational Education, Regina enters on a scholarship offered by the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Lauderdale County. Mrs. H. C. Parker of Meridian is Chairman of the Lauderdale County Baptist Indian Scholarship Committee.

## Nazareth Church Ordains Deacons

The first deacons in the history of Baptist work in Israel were ordained Sunday, August 26, by 50-year-old Nazareth Baptist Church. The three men, all from Nazareth, are George Lati, a teacher in the Nazareth Baptist School, Fuad Hadad, former principal of the school who is now studying at a Jerusalem university; and Suhail Ramadan, a glazier.

Pastor Fuad Sakhnini presided at the service, and Dr. Robert L. Lindsey, Southern Baptist missionary to Israel, delivered the charge to the deacons. The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. B. Elmo Scoggins, who is on sabbatical leave from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Dr. Scoggins was formerly a missionary to Israel for nine years.

Reduced to simplest terms the theme of the Bible is man's failure to conform to the divine expectation and God's provision to reclaim that cosmic default. — Richard C. Halverson.

## Kentucky Faces Three Decisions

**MIDDLETOWN**, Ky. (BP) — Kentucky Baptist Convention faces three decisions about its program of higher education when it meets in Owensboro in November.

First, it will be asked to approve a \$12 million capital needs campaign to aid convention-operated colleges and such other work as assemblies, child care, Baptist student centers and hospitals.

Next, it will be asked to pave the way for Kentucky Southern College in Louisville, which opened for classes this year, to become a convention-operated college.

Third, it will have before it a recommendation affecting the future of Bethel College, Baptist Junior College at Hopkinsville, Ky. The school will be asked to raise \$250,000 by next March 1 "in order to continue as a vital part of the Baptist program of higher education in Kentucky."

### Most to Schools

Most of the \$12 million to be voted on will go to Kentucky Baptist Schools. The schools' share is \$10,410,000. The balance will go to assemblies and camps, child care, Baptist Student Centers, a Baptist Building addition here and hospital nurses' training.

Kentucky Southern College is using the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for its classes this school year. About 125 have enrolled, it was reported. It is building its own campus on the outskirts of Louisville.

Bethel College will be included in the \$12 million capital funds campaign for \$810,000 if the \$250,000 is raised in Hopkinsville. This subject to both recommendations gaining convention approval.

**HYMNS AT SUNSET** arranged and conducted by Ralph Carmichael (Capitol—T-1746). An eighteen-voice choir, with the use of various instruments, give a refreshing "modern" touch to some of the most popular hymns, both old and new. An outstanding album. Included are such old songs as The Old Rugged Cross; In the Garden; and What a Friend We Have in



**BOBBY CAROLYN SMITH**, Meridian, 1962 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, served this summer as state BSU missionary to Ghana.

Assigned to work with Miss Marjorie Jones, head of the Woman's Missionary Union of Ghana, Miss Smith travelled extensively. Prior to her leaving Africa, the Ghana Baptist women honored her, in appreciation for her work, with a gift of a Yoruba dress (she is pictured above wearing the gift). The presentation was made at the close of the WMU annual meeting in Accra, Ghana. Miss Smith, one of five summer missionaries to Ghana this fall, has returned to Mississippi to begin teaching school.

Jesus, and such newer ones as How Great Thou Art; It Is No Secret; and The Love of God. There are 12 selections.